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SUBJECT: MRS. CHRISTIAN BEMPONG

1. SENATOR STROM THURMOND HAS FORWARDED THE DEPARTMENT A LETTER DATED APRIL 17 FROM PHILIP R. IVES, DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, REGARDING THE WIFE OF MR. CHRISTIAN BEMPONG, A GHANAIAAN STUDENT STUDYING AT THE UNIVERSITY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS SITUATION ASAP. RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE IVES LETTER FOLLOW:

2. QUOTE: DEAR SENATOR THURMOND: I AM WRITING ONCE AGAIN ON BEHALF OF MR. CHRISTIAN BEMPONG, AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, WHOSE WIFE IS APPARENTLY STILL STRANDED IN GHANA. YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 16 TO MR. DOUGLAS J. BURNETT (SIC) WAS MOST APPRECIATED, AS WAS HIS REPLY TO YOU DATED MARCH 6 THAT THE MATTER WAS BEING REVIEWED AT THE EMBASSY IN GHANA.

3. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOW WAITED SIX WEEKS FOR A RESPONSE FROM ACCRA. WE WERE HOPEFUL OF A TIMELIER REPLY. IF
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YOU FEEL IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE OF A GENTLE REMINDER FROM YOU TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT THIS IS A MATTER OF SOME URGENCY. UNQUOTE.
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